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SUBJECT: VISIT TO ZAIRE OF ROK VICE FOREIGN MINISTER LHO

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1. ROK VICE FOREIGN MINISTER LHO ARRIVED APRIL 17 AND WILL FLY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BULA TO SEE PRESIDENT MOBUTU, WHO VISITING INTERIOR, ON APRIL 18. LHO, AMBASSADOR LIMB AND I DISCUSSED OUTLOOK LATE APRIL 17. LHO HAS TWO OBJECTIVES: ARRANGE VISIT MOBUTU TO SOUTH KOREA AND WITH RESPECT NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY PROBLEM, HE WOULD HOPE OBTAIN MOBUTU'S SUPPORT FOR SOUTH KOREAN CANDIDACY ALTHOUGH HE SAYS HE WOULD FAR PREFER TO KEEP NORTH KOREA OUT OF GROUPING.

2. LHO REPORTS GOOD CONVERSATIONS WITH GENERAL AMIN OF UGANDA IN WHICH AMIN EXPLAINED THAT UGANDA'S SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION LAST YEAR IMPLIED NO ANIMUS TO SOUTH KOREA BUT WAS BASED ON GENERAL OPPOSITION TO STATIONING OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN THIRD COUNTRIES. LHO DESCRIBED VISIT TO KIGALI AS DISCOURAGING.

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3. I RESPONDED FULLY AND FRANKLY TO LHO'S MANY
EXCELLENT QUESTIONS -- HE IS A SHARP FELLOW -- AND
COMPLIMENTED LHO FOR HIS PROPOSAL TO VISIT ONE OF
ZAIRE'S SACRED SHRINES, PERHAPS MOBUTU'S BIRTHPLACE.
FOREIGN MINISTER BULA WAS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER THAT PROPOSAL.
LHO AT LEAST UNDERSTANDS PSYCHOLOGY OF PLAYING TO
MOBUTU'S EGO.
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